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1. SUMMARY: CONSIDERATION OF OMNIBUS G-77 RESOLUTION BY SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE BEGAN ON JULY 27 WITH UK, JAPANESE, AUSTRIAN, CANADIAN AND US DELEGATES APPEALING IN VARYING DEGREES FOR GREATER BALANCE IN DRAFT. JORDANIAN DEFENDED LDC POSITION, ASSERTING UNSATISFACTORY IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN EVALUATION AND JUDGMENTS. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT CONSENSUS COULD BE ACHIEVED. FIRST MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP TO REFINE DRAFT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28. END SUMMARY.

2. SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC RESUMED MEETINGS AFTERNOON OF JULY 27 WITH BOLIVIAN PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION ON WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPTEL). BRITISH DELEGATE THEN SPOKE ON BEHALF OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WITHHOLDING DETAILED
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PROPOSALS BUT MAINTAINING THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD BE

ANALYTICAL, BALANCED, AND FORWARD-LOOKING. WHILE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ALSO WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS IN THIS DECADE, VERDICTS EXPRESSED IN THE LDC DRAFT WERE NOT REALLY FAIR. ECOSOC INSTEAD SHOULD BUILD ON ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO OP PARA SEVEN HE RECOMMENDED ECOSOC GIVE THOUGHT TO 1980'S AND DEVELOP PERSPECTIVE FOR SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

3. JAPANESE DELEGATE, STATING THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER MATTER OF BALANCE (I.E., ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALONE IN PARAS ONE, THREE AND FIVE) AND CRITICIZED EMPHASIS IN DRAFT ON FAILURES AND SHORTFALLS INSTEAD OF MEASURES TO ACHIEVE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO OBJECTED TO NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT OF CIEC.

4. AUSTRIAN DELEGATE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE LDC DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LIMITED PROGRESS BUT SAID NATIONS WERE AT CROSSROADS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHERE THEY MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN COOPERATION AND CONFRONTATION AND DO UTMOST TO WORK TOGETHER IN MOST CONSTRUCTIVE WAY POSSIBLE. UNCTAD, ABIDJAN, AND WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IN HIS VIEW

HAD SHOWN THIS WAS POSSIBLE. HE THEN MADE CLEAR THAT WHILE AUSTRIA STANDS BY THE KREISKY PROPOSAL (GENEVA 5653), IT WILL NOT BE PRESSED AT THIS SESSION. AUSTRIAN ALSO SUGGESTED LOOKING FORWARD TO THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

5. CANADIAN DELEGATE CONCENTRATED ON OP PARA FOUR, STATING HIS COUNTRY SHARED KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT OVER DEADLOCK IN CIEC BUT COULD NOT AGREE IT HAS BEEN A FAILURE. SECOND PHASE HOPEFULLY WOULD BRING CONCRETE PROPOSALS CONSTITUTING SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE HOPED THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION MIGHT EXPRESS DETERMINATION OF ALL COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE FURTHER ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

6. USDEL (MYERSON), RECALLING GENERAL ASSESSMENT GIVEN IN GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S SPEECH IN ABIDJAN, INDICATED IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT US VIEWS DIFFERED ON NUMBER OF POINTS FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH PRESENTED PROBLEMS OF TONE AND BALANCE AS WELL AS SPECIFIC REFINEMENT. WE COULD AGREE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SHORTFALLS UNDER THE IDS, EXPRESS CONCERN, AND CALL UPON ALL NATIONS TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS WHILE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE. HOWEVER, THE 1970'S HAVE BEEN A TUMULTUOUS DECADE WITH MANY ADVANCES BUT SOME GRIEVOUS SETBACKS. RECORD OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD NOT BEEN PERFECT BUT US COULD NOT AGREE THAT

LITTLE HAD BEEN DONE, IN VIEW, FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE ALSO INDICATING SPECIFIC US OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT LANGUAGE ON THE UN SECRETARIAT AND ON CIEC, HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN FURTHER WORK.

7. JORDANIAN DELEGATE, SPEAKING AS CO-SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION, MAINTAINED LAST YEAR'S REVIEW AND APPRAISAL HAD SHOWN IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS WAS FAR FROM SATISFACTORY AND THAT EVEN IN A BALANCED TEXT "LANGUAGE TO FIT THE FACTS" WOULD BE NECESSARY. HE CALLED FOR FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSION BUT ASSERTED THAT SOME VALUE JUDGMENTS WERE RELEVANT WHEN SO FEW LDCS HAD ACHIEVED THE DESIRED RATE OF GROWTH. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE REFLECTED IN THE RESOLUTION, ON WHICH HE HOPED CONSENSUS COULD STILL BE ACHIEVED.

8. AT CONCLUSION IRANIAN CHAIRMAN PROPOSED FORMATION OF CONTACT GROUP TO WORK ON REACHING AGREED TEXT, AND AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION FIRST MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28.

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